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**HCMPO POLICY MTG**

April 2013 1.00 mtg 2327.560 / mtg 2,327.56

**HCMPO POLICY MTG TOTAL:** 2,327.56

**HCMPO TECH MEETING**

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**HCRMA STATUS & PROG**

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Project Manager's Signature

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# AGENDA

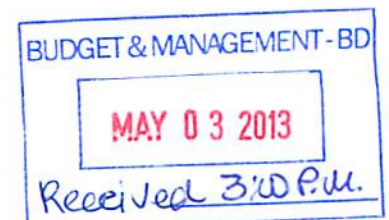
Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

HCMPO Conference Room  
510 South Pleasantview Drive  
Weslaco, TX.

Tuesday, April 02, 2013  
@ 1:30 P.M.

## REVISED AGENDA

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|--|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1) Roll Call   |                                     | Chairman     |
| 2) Approval of Minutes of:   | (ACTION ITEM)                       | MPO Staff    |
| ➤ March 05, 2013   |                                     |              |
| 3) Cost Over-Run Project(s) (If Needed)                                | (ACTION ITEM)                       | TxDOT        |
| 4) Discussion & Approval of Urbanized Area Boundary                    | (ACTION ITEM)                       | MPO Staff    |
| 5) Discussion & Approval of Enhancement Projects                       | (ACTION ITEM)                       | MPO Staff    |
| 6) Discussion & Approval of Functional Classification                  | (ACTION ITEM)                       | MPO Staff    |
| 7) Discussion & Approval to FY2013-16 TIP and FY2010-35 MTP Amendments | (ACTION ITEM)                       | MPO Staff    |
| 8) Discussion & Approval of Congestion Index for the CMP               | (ACTION ITEM)                       | MPO Staff    |
| 9) Discussion on Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB)                      | (DISCUSSION ITEM)                   | MPO Staff    |
| 10) Discussion of MPO Consolidation Study by TTI                       | (DISCUSSION ITEM)                   | TxDOT        |
| 11) Update on Walk-n-Rolla Event                                       | (UPDATE ITEM)                       | MPO Staff    |
| 12) Monthly Letting Update   | (UPDATE ITEM)                       | TxDOT        |
| 13) Staff Report   | (UPDATE / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM) | MPO Staff    |
| A. Calendar: April & May 2013  |                                     |              |
| B. Legislative / RTAP Update   |                                     |              |
| C. HCMPO Budget Report   |                                     |              |
| D. HCMPO Project Update  |                                     |              |
| E. Director's Update   |                                     |              |
| 14) HCRMA Update   | (UPDATE)                            | HCRMA        |
| 15) Valley Metro   | (UPDATE)                            | VALLEY METRO |
| 16) Metro  | (UPDATE)                            | METRO        |
| 17) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District                              | (UPDATE)                            | HCCRD        |
| 18) Old or New Business  | (UPDATE / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM) | Chairman     |
| 19) Adjournment  |                                     |              |



# HIDALGO COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting - Tuesday, April 2, 2013

HCMPO Conference Room

Weslaco, TX.

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9.	Enz Davila	Pharr/Pharr			
10.	Jim Edge	HCCRD			
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# AGENDA

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting

HCMPO Conference Room  
510 South Pleasantview Drive

April 18, 2013

@ 5:30 PM

TAB I ROLL CALL

TAB II CITIZEN'S INPUT

TAB III PRESENTATIONS / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

A. Approval of Minutes of: March 21, 2013	(ACTION ITEM)	CHAIRMAN
B. Discussion & Approval of Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB)	(ACTION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
C. Discussion & Approval of Enhancement Projects	(ACTION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
D. Discussion & Approval of Functional Classification	(ACTION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
E. Discussion & Approval to FY2013-16 TIP and FY2010-35 MTP Amendments	(ACTION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
F. Discussion on Urbanized Area Boundary	(DISCUSSION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
G. Presentation of MPO Consolidation Study by TTI	(DISCUSSION ITEM)	TxDOT
H. Walk-n-Rolla Event Update	(UPDATE ITEM)	MPO STAFF
I. Update of Border Trade Advisory Committee (BTAC)	(UPDATE ITEM)	MPO STAFF
J. Monthly Letting Update	(UPDATE ITEM)	TxDOT

TAB IV STAFF REPORT

(UPDATE / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM)

MPO STAFF

- A. Calendar: May & June 2013
- B. Legislative / RTAP Update
- C. HCMPO Budget Report
- D. HCMPO Project Update
- E. Director's Update

TAB V OFF SYSTEM REPORT

(UPDATE)

PROJECT ENGINEERS

TAB VI TxDOT CONSTRUCTION REPORT

(UPDATE)

TxDOT

TAB VII HIDALGO COUNTY RMA

(UPDATE)

HCRMA

TAB VIII HIDALGO COUNTY COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICT

(UPDATE)

HCCRD

TAB IX VALLEY METRO

(UPDATE)

VALLEY METRO

TAB X METRO

(UPDATE)

METRO

TAB XI OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

(UPDATE / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM)

CHAIRMAN

TAB XII ADJOURNMENT



**Hidalgo County MPO**  
**Transportation Policy Committee Meeting**  
**APRIL 18, 2013**  
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BUDGET & MANAGEMENT FUND  
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12.	Homer Bazin	TxDOT	702-6214		
13.	Juan Lopez	City of Edinburg	388-8202		
14.	Conrad A. Hanks	TxDOT South Bay	702-6232		
15.	Ed Cuellar	McAllen			



**MEMO**

To: Hidalgo Co. Comm. Pct. #3, Joe Flores

From: Jacinto Garza, P.E.

Date: April 16, 2013

RE: Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO) Policy Committee Meeting,  
April 18, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. – Action Items and Recommendations

Desk Of: Anthony Garza

As your Technical Representative for the Hidalgo County MPO, attached for your use and information, is the Policy Committee Meeting Agenda and Packet made available on April 15, 2013 for the upcoming meeting to be held on Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions regarding these items or projects within your precinct contact your Technical Representative Mr. Anthony Garza at (956) 565-9813.

We have reviewed the agenda items that are to be discussed and we would like to advise you that the following item(s) require your attention. We are therefore giving you our recommendations.

**TAB III PRESENTATIONS / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

**B. Discussion & Approval of Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB) (ACTION ITEM) MPO STAFF**

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION:**

The HCMPO is in the process of updating the Metropolitan Area Boundary. Staff has presented an option that extends the northern boundary to the Hidalgo County Line.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is our recommendation to approve this item as presented by staff.

**C. Discussion & Approval of Enhancement Projects (ACTION ITEM) MPO STAFF**

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION:**

In late 2012 TxDOT released a call for Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects. Applications were due in December 2012. The Technical Committee has scored the projects and the top 3 projects were selected:

- City of Mercedes - Beatification and Landscaping at US 83 / FM 491 overpass
  - \$380,840 project cost (20% local match)
- City of Edinburg – Train Depot Renovation
  - \$135,183 project cost (20% local match)
- City of Edinburg - Hike and Bike Trail
  - \$2,010,031 project cost (52% local match)
  - This project requested funds in excess of the funds available in this call for projects. The City of Edinburg committed to covering the funding gap resulting in a 52% local funds to federal funds match. If the project does not proceed to construction as planned the funds would return to FHWA. A detailed table is included in your packet.



D. Discussion & Approval of Functional Classification **(ACTION ITEM)** MPO STAFF

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION:**

The HCMPO is performing the annual update to the Functional Classification Map for roadways within the MPO boundary. Updates were provided by individual precincts, municipalities, and project engineers in the preceding months and this item is to approve the current version of the functional classification map. This update has gone to the TAC Committee for review in the preceding months.

Future revisions may be submitted at any time to the MPO and included on the next regularly scheduled annual update.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is our recommendation to approve this item as presented.

E. Discussion & Approval to FY2013-16 TIP and FY2010-35 MTP Amendments **(ACTION ITEM)** MPO STAFF

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION:**

The HCMPO is conducting the regular cycle TIP and MTP amendments. A copy of the MTP and detailed TIP sheets are included in the Policy Packet. Some of the proposed changes include:

- La Homa (SH 495 to FM 1924): Transfer of ROW funds from the FM 681 project to the La Homa project in the amount of \$1.0 million.
- FM 493 (BUS 83 to US 281): An additional \$ 2.98 million in CBI funding for construction.
- FM 681 (SH 107 to La Homa): Administrative revisions, no net funding changes
- La Homa (SH 495 to FM 1924): Transfer of ROW funds from the FM 681 project to the La Homa project in the amount of \$1.0 million.
- US 83 / 281 Interchange: A project was added for improvements to the interchange in Pharr. The project is listed for Preliminary Engineering in FY 2013 and construction in FY 2017. The project is currently funded for construction with \$20.0 million in Coordinated Border Infrastructure (CBI) funds.
- US 83 / Bicentennial Overpass: A project was added for improvements to the intersection of US 83 and Bicentennial. The project is listed for Preliminary Engineering in FY 2013 and construction in FY 2015. As approved at the March 28, 2013 TxDOT Transportation Commission Meeting, the project is funded for construction with \$30.0 million in TxDOT Category 12 funding.
- SH 68 (Formerly "Section D" of the HCRMA Loop – see attached map): The project is listed for Preliminary Engineering in FY 2013-15, Right-of-Way (ROW) in FY 2015-16 and construction in FY 2016. As approved at the March 28, 2013 TxDOT Transportation Commission Meeting, the project is funded for ROW and construction with \$85.0 million in TxDOT Category 12 funding.
- TxDOT project listings have been updated to include the construction of the Ultimate Expressway Facility of the La Joya Relief Route in the outer years of the MTP.
- Additionally, HCRMA project listings have been updated to include the construction of the Ultimate 6 lane configuration of the SH 365 (west) project.

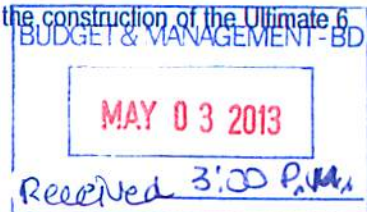
**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is our recommendation to approve this item as presented.

F. Discussion on Urbanized Area Boundary **(DISCUSSION ITEM)** MPO STAFF

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION:**

The 2010 Census included new regulations and the definition of an "Urbanized Area". These regulations factor in the population density and location of urbanized areas. As a result of the 2010 Census data and these new regulations, a small portion of the City of Mercedes was determined to be part the urbanized area covered within the Harlingen – San Benito MPO Boundary. MPO Staff has discussed with TxDOT, Federal Highway Administration, and the Census Bureau. It does not appear that this decision can be contested.



# HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

## NOTICE OF AND AGENDA FOR A REGULAR MEETING TO BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013  
TIME: 5:30 PM  
PLACE: PHARR CITY HALL  
2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR, CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
118 SOUTH CAGE BOULEVARD  
PHARR, TEXAS 78577

PRESIDING: DENNIS BURLESON, CHAIRMAN

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### CALL TO ORDER FOR REGULAR MEETING

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### 1. REPORTS

- A. Update on SH 365 Project – Louis Jones, Program Manager
- B. Update on US 83 (La Joya Relief Route) and SH 68 Projects – Jody Ellington, TxDOT

#### 2. CONSENT AGENDA *(All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Governing Body and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, if discussion is desired, that item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately. The Governing Body may also elect to go into Executive Session on any item, whether or not such item(s) are posted as an Executive Session Item, at any time during the meeting when authorized by provisions of the Open Meeting Act.)*

- A. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held March 20, 2013.
- B. Approval of Project Expense Report for the period from March 13, 2013 to April 9, 2013
- C. Approval of Financial Report for February 2013

#### 3. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Resolution 2013-12 – Approval of Work Authorization No. 2 to Professional Service Agreement with TEDSI Infrastructure Group to provide Schematic Design, Utility Research and Drainage Research for the US 281/Military Highway Overpass at San Juan Road and Traffic Signal Warrant Studies and Illumination Warrant Studies for SH 365 Project
- B. Resolution 2013-07 – Approval of Budget Amendment in the amount of \$40,000 to fund participation with the Lower Rio Grande Valley Partnership 2013 Regional Mobility Study

#### 4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

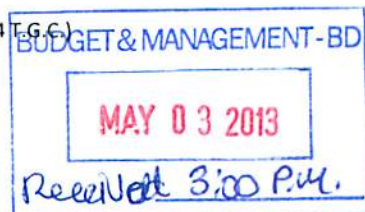
- A. Report on Public Meetings for SH 365 Project held on March 26, 27 & 28, 2013, in McAllen, Mission and Pharr, Texas

#### 5. TABLED ITEMS

- A. None

#### 6. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION OF REAL PROPERTY), AND SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS)

- A. Consultation with Board Attorney and Financial Advisor on legal issues pertaining to financial options, including current obligations (Section 551.071 T.G.C.)
- B. Consultation with Board Attorney regarding legal issues pertaining to proposed agreement with McAllen Economic Development Corporation (Section 551.071 T.G.C.)
- C. Annual performance evaluation of Pilar Rodriguez, Executive Director (Section 551.074 T.G.C.)



## ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

### PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

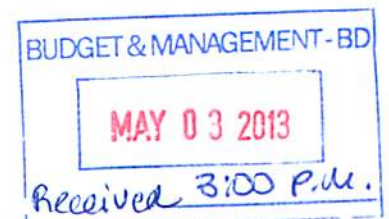
Public Comment Policy: "At the beginning of each HCRMA meeting, the HCRMA will allow for an open public forum/comment period. This comment period shall not exceed one-half (1/2) hour in length and each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak. All individuals desiring to address the HCRMA must be signed up to do so, prior to the open comment period. The purpose of this comment period is to provide the public an opportunity to address issues or topics that are under the jurisdiction of the HCRMA. For issues or topics which are not otherwise part of the posted agenda for the meeting, HCRMA members may direct staff to investigate the issue or topic further. No action or discussion shall be taken on issues or topics which are not part of the posted agenda for the meeting. Members of the public may be recognized on posted agenda items deemed appropriate by the Chairman as these items are considered, and the same time limitations (3 minutes) applies."

### CERTIFICATION

I, the Undersigned Authority, do hereby certify that the attached agenda of the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors is a true and correct copy and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority Web Page ([www.hcrma.net](http://www.hcrma.net)) and the bulletin board in the Hidalgo County Court House (100 North Closner, Edinburg, Texas 78539), a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013 at 12:00 pm and will remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Flor E. Koll  
Program Administrator

Note: If you require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact Flor E. Koll at 956-402-4762 at least 24 hours before the meeting.





**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013 5:30 PM  
 PHARR CITY HALL  
 118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR  
 PHARR, TEXAS

BUDGET & MANAGEMENT-BD  
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April 24, 2013

Hector "Tito" Palacios, Hidalgo County Commissioner Pct. No. 2  
300 W. Hall Acres Suite G  
Pharr, TX 78577



**RE: Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) Meeting,  
April 17, 2013 at 5:30 P.M. – Progress Report**

Dear Commissioner Palacios:

As your Technical Representative for the Hidalgo County MPO, we provide you with a monthly HCRMA update. Attached for your use and information is the HCRMA Regular Meeting Agenda for the meeting held on Wednesday April 17, 2013 at 5:30 P.M. We have reviewed the agenda items that were discussed as they relate to Hidalgo County and have provided the following progress report.

**CALL TO ORDER FOR REGULAR MEETING**

**1. REPORTS**

A. Update on SH 365 Project – Louis Jones, Program Manager

Mr. Louie Jones of Dannenbaum Engineering, the HCRMA's Program Manager, reported on milestones that have been reached in the last 30 days by the RMA. Progress on the Environmental document for the SH 365 project (west) is underway. The public involvement conducted by the HCRMA in March-April for the SH 365 project was successful and comments from the public have been documented and included in the environmental analysis.

The environmental consultants are coordinating with the TxDOT Pharr District to expedite the environmental review. Parts of the SH 365 Draft Environmental Assessment have been submitted and reviewed by TxDOT and the projected environmental decision date of April 2014 remains on schedule. Additionally Mr. Jones reported that the boundary survey of the project is underway and on schedule.

B. Update on US 83 (La Joya Relief Route) and SH 68 Projects – Jody Ellington, TxDOT

Ms. Norma Garza of TxDOT provided a report on the SH 68 project. At the March 28, 2013 TxDOT Commission Meeting the \$85 million in funding for SH 68 was approved. Currently TxDOT is preparing to procure a consultant through a statewide contract to complete the schematics and environmental for the SH 68 project.

Epigmenio "Epi" Gonzalez provided an update on the status of the La Joya Relief Route project. TxDOT is planning to conduct a public meeting on May 9, 2013 (notice attached). The Technically Preferred Alignment (TPA) and schematic will be shown at the meeting. Mr. Gonzalez reported that the development of the schematic and environmental for the project are currently underway and on schedule.

### 3. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolution 2013-12 – Approval of Work Authorization No. 2 to Professional Service Agreement with TEDSI Infrastructure Group to provide Schematic Design, Utility Research and Drainage Research for the US 281/Military Highway Overpass at San Juan Road and Traffic Signal Warrant Studies and Illumination Warrant Studies for SH 365 Project

Mr. Pilar Rodriguez reported that the RMA is prepared to enter a contract with TEDSI to complete engineering tasks associated with the intersection of the SH 365 project and US 281 (Military). These tasks also include signal and illumination studies for the entire SH 365 project. The total contract amount approved was \$ 746,739.14.

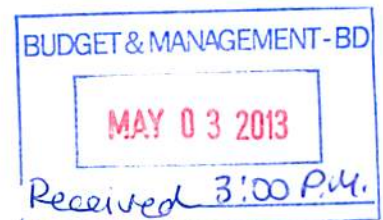
As per a request by the City of Pharr the work completed to date has included a study to determine if the proposed US 281 Overpass at SH 365 should remain at the original location at San Juan Road or be moved to "I" Road. The findings of the study indicated that the overpass should remain at San Juan Road as determined by the original analysis performed by Hidalgo County Road builders and L&G Engineering.

The item was approved as presented.

B. Resolution 2013-07 – Approval of Budget Amendment in the amount of \$40,000 to fund participation with the Lower Rio Grande Valley Partnership 2013 Regional Mobility Study

The RMA board voted to amend the 2013 budget to fund the Rio Grande Valley Partnership 2013 Regional Mobility Study in the amount of \$40,000.

The item was approved as presented.



**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION OF REAL PROPERTY), AND SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS)**

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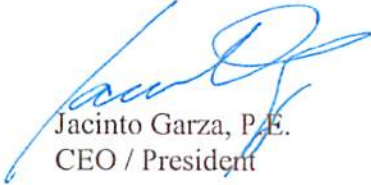
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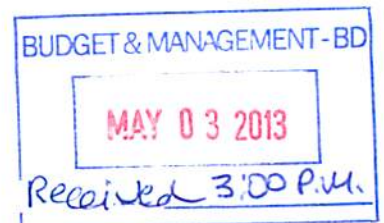
No action was taken in executive session

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss these items or projects within your precinct please contact me, or your Technical Representative, Mr. Anthony Garza at (956) 565-9813.


Sincerely,



Jacinto Garza, P.E.  
CEO / President

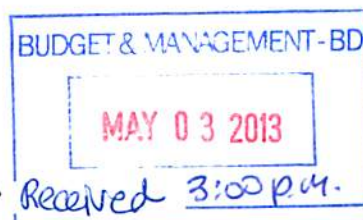




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**Texas Department of Transportation**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
**US 83 Relief Route: La Joya/Peñitas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold a public meeting to solicit public comment on the proposed US 83 Relief Route project at La Joya/Peñitas in Hidalgo County, Texas. The design schematic along the technically preferred route and the proposed drainage outfalls will be presented. The proposed project consists of constructing a four-lane controlled access expressway facility within a usual 350 foot wide to a maximum 450 foot wide right-of-way (ROW). The project begins approximately 1.0 mile east of FM 886 (El Faro Road) and runs east to approximately 0.50 mile west of Showers Road. The total project length is approximately 8.9 miles. The meeting details are below:

**Thursday, May 9, 2013**  
**La Joya High School Cafeteria**  
**604 N. Coyote Blvd.**  
**La Joya, Texas**  
**Exhibit Viewing Period: 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**  
**Presentation: 6:00 p.m.**



The purpose of the proposed project is to address traffic congestion, connectivity, and safety. It is anticipated that the proposed project would be constructed in two or more phases. Phase I would involve construction of a four-lane divided rural highway consisting of two roadways separated by a depressed median, which would serve as the future frontage roads. Each roadway would consist of two 12-foot wide travel lanes, a 4-foot wide inside shoulder, and a 10-foot wide outside shoulder. Future phases of construction would include main lanes and overpasses within the depressed median. These main lanes would consist of two 12-foot wide travel lanes with a 4-foot wide inside and a 10-foot wide outside shoulders in each direction of travel. Controlled access ramps would provide connectivity between the main lanes and the frontage roads constructed during Phase I. Approximately 340 acres of additional ROW would be required for the project and would include potential relocations of residential and commercial properties. Drainage within the project ROW would be accomplished using roadside ditches and culverts that would ultimately drain storm runoff into the drainage outfalls identified for the project.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this meeting to gather information and provide input regarding the proposed project. Project information and exhibits detailing the schematics and typical sections can be viewed prior to the presentation during the exhibit viewing period. Verbal and/or written comments will be accepted at the public meeting. Written comments may also be submitted up to 10 days after the public meeting, on or prior to Sunday, May 19, 2013. Comments can be sent by mail to the Pharr District Engineer, Mario Jorge, P.E., at P.O. Box 1717, Pharr, Texas 78577, by fax to (956) 702-6110, or by email to [Robin.Gelston@txdot.gov](mailto:Robin.Gelston@txdot.gov).

Spanish translations services will be available. Upon request, special accommodations can be made available at the public meeting for persons with special communication needs. Persons with special communication and/or accommodation needs who are interested in attending the meeting are asked to contact Norma Robledo at (956) 702-6161 at least five working days prior to the meeting.





May 1, 2013

Hidalgo County  
Budget Office  
Attn: Sergio Cruz  
2818 S. Bus. Hwy 281  
Edinburg, TX 78539

**RE: PROGRESS REPORT**

**Activities at the HCMPO, HCRMA, and Traffic Studies for the month of April 2013  
Work Authorization No. 1 Contract #C-11-054-04-12**

Dear Judge Garcia and County Commissioners,


Attached is our invoice for the month of April 2013. This invoice covers the basic fee associated for attending Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO) technical and policy meetings, and the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) meeting. No traffic studies were conducted or requested during this time period.

The following tasks were accomplished this month.

- April 2013 – Jacinto Garza P.E. and Anthony Garza reviewed the HCMPO TAC agenda and packet. Anthony Garza attended the meeting(s) and the sign in sheet is attached.
- April 2013 – Jacinto Garza P.E. and Anthony Garza reviewed the HCMPO Policy Committee agenda and packet, provided recommendations and information to Commissioners Court. Anthony Garza attended the meeting and the sign in sheet is attached.
- April 2013 – Jacinto Garza P.E. and Anthony Garza reviewed the HCRMA meeting agenda. Anthony Garza attended the meeting and the agenda and narrative report provided to the court regarding the events at the meeting and the sign in sheet are attached.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (956) 565-9813.

Sincerely,

  
Jacinto Garza, P.E.  
CEO / President  
Attachments

